Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) released the following statement in response to the President's budget for fiscal year 2012:

"Today, the President released a budget that clearly involved some tough decisions – and I'm glad to see he is making an effort to address the very real problem of our outrageous deficit," said Rep. Braley. "I was pleased to see some of the President's proposed cuts, and while it's a good start, I think we can go even further.

"This budget clearly reflects our new national reality – the era of big borrowing and big spending is over. But we can, and must, go even further to reduce our deficit. As I said to the President and Speaker Boehner in a letter last week, we can't present Americans with false choices over issues as important as our national deficit and debt. We must work together – in the House, with the Senate and with the President – to present a responsible, common-sense budget plan to the American people. Our country's future depends on it."